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1. IS DRAFT TRANSMITTED REFTEL GIVES FAIR ASSESSMENT MAJOR ASPECTS OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS OF REFTEL.

2. PARA 3:(A) LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERSHIP INCREASED ONLY FROM FIVE TO SEVEN WITH ADMISSION OF PERU AND ARGENTINA; MORE LATIN AMERICAN STATES (9) HAD OBSERVER STATUS, MOST OF WHOM WERE OBSERVERS AT GEORGETOWN FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING LAST YEAR. CHILE'S NON-ALIGNED CREDENTIALS NOW IN QUESTION AS RESULT RECENT COUP.

3. (B) SUMMIT QTE AGREEMENT UNQTE ON NUMEROUS DECLARATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS DESPITE DISPARATE INTERESTS AND IDEOLOGY
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WITHOUT SERIOUS SPLIT DUE MAINLY TO PRACTICE OF TAKING

DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS AND TO NON-BINDING CHARACTER OF RESOLUTIONS. IT NOTEWORTHY THAT INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA, WHO WALKED OUT OF GEORGETOWN CONFERENCE OVER SEATING OF GRUNK AND PRG, RAISED NO PUBLIC PROTEST THIS YEAR, NOT BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN VIEWS ON ISSUE BUT BECAUSE THEY REALIZE THEIR ACQUIESCENCE DOES NOT COMMIT THEM TO ANY POLICY OR COURSE OF ACTION, WHEREAS THEIR PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO DRAMATIZE OPPOSITION PROVED FUTILE.

4. PARA 4: ANTI-COLONIALISM AS A POLITICAL ISSUE, MEANING OCCUPATION OF OTHER PEOPLES' TERRITORY, WAS NO LONGER IMPORTANT FOR MOST OF PARTICIPANTS, BUT IT MOST CERTAINLY CONTINUES TO BE ONE FOR MANY OF AFRICANS, WHO CONSTITUTED MAJORITY OF PARTICIPANTS AT THIS CONFERENCE. THIS IS LIKELY TO PERSIST AS LONG AS COLONIAL AREAS ARE RETAINED.

5. PARA 6: ALGERIA MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN DRAFT IMPLIES IN SECURING INCLUSION OF ITS VIEWS IN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS; ECONOMIC DECLARATION IN SOME RESPECTS SINGLES OUT WESTERN QTE NEOCOLONIALISM UNQTE FOR CRITICISM, BUT IN BROADER CONTEXTS CRITICIZES INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS INDISCRIMINATELY AS ECONOMIC OPPRESSORS OF THIRD WORLD.

6. PARA 7: RESULTS OF CONFERENCE UNFOLDING DAILY IN UNGA, FOR EXAMPLE IN WIDESPREAD SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREAN POSITIONS. EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH SEEMS TO BE ASSUMING FUNCTIONS OF OLD NON-ALIGNED STEERING COMMITTEE, IS ACTIVELY COORDINATING NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVES ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING KOREA AND CAMBODIA. ALSO, SINCE CONFERENCE, TOGO AND ZAIRE HAVE JOINED CUBA IN BREAKING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, WHICH ACTIONS, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF ZAIRE, AT LEAST PARTLY INFLUENCED BY THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ALGIERS CONFERENCE.

7. PARA 10: PRC HAD PEOPLE IN ALGIERS, USUALLY CALLED NEWSPAPERMEN, WHO REMAINED WELL IN BACKGROUND BUT WHO SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CORRIDORS. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT WAS DONE IN VARIOUS NATIONAL CAPITALS BY CHINESE PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. THEIR OBJECTIVE CLEARLY WAS TO ASSOCIATE UNITED STATES AND SOVIET UNION AS COMMON RATHER THAN SEPARATE ENEMIES OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, AND TO

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ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH NON-ALIGNED GROUP WITHOUT PRESUMING TO BE LEADER OF IT.

8. PARA 11: AS NOTED ABOVE, NORTH-SOUTH (OR QTE RICH-POOR, UNQTE QTE DEVELOPED-DEVELOPING UNQTE) WORLD-VIEW MORE WIDELY ACCEPTED THAN DRAFT IMPLIES, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC SPHERE.

9. PARA 12: (A) WHILE JAPAN NOT SINGLED OUT FOR CRITICISM, ECONOMIC DECLARATION, AS NOTED ABOVE, CRITICAL OF ALL INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT DOUBTS THAT RACIAL FACTOR HAD ANY BEARING IN THIS RESPECT.

10. (B) COMMENT ON NON-ALIGNED STATES, QTE REJECTION OF ANY FORM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH WEST UNQTE AND QTE REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN A POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT UNQTE SERIOUSLY MISREPRESENTS NON-ALIGNED VIEWS. WHILE IT CLEAR FROM ALGIERS MEETING AND IN OTHER

CONTEXTS, SUCH AS NAIROBI IMF MEETING AND LAW OF SEA NEGOTIATIONS, THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DETERMINED TO DEMAND MAXIMUM QUID-PRO-QUO FOR THEIR COOPERATION, THEY BY NO MEANS REJECT ECONOMIC COOPERATION PER SE. SIMILARLY, ECONOMIC DECLARATION MAKES CLEAR THAT NON-ALIGNED STATES RECOGNIZE NEED TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT. WHILE DECLARATION ASSERTS THAT MEASURES ANY COUNTRY TAKES TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT QTE MUST NOT PREJUDGE THE ENVIRONMENT OF OTHER STATES, UNQTE IT DOES NOT REJECT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, IT MAKES CLEAR THAT DESIRED FORM OF QTE COOPERATION UNQTE IS ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND THAT ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS SHOULD NOT QTE JEOPARDIZE THE MAIN NEEDS OF DEVELOPMENT. UNQTE

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